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SUBJECT: Semi-Annual Contribution to Hull Committee Report

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1. An advanced form of area training--the Senior Area Seminar--was successfully introduced in February. It aims to broaden and sharpen the outlook of mature supervisors and analysts on selected critical problems of a particular foreign region. Twelve persons in grades GS-14 and above participated. It is contemplated that a maximum of three such seminars will be offered in the coming year, dealing with such subjects as the role of the uncommitted areas in the world power struggle, problems of European security, and possibly the Sino-Soviet Bloc.

2. A significant shift of emphasis has taken place in the Americans Abroad Orientation program. This development means that less emphasis is placed on practical details of living abroad and greater emphasis is placed on the person-to-person relationship--the problem of effective adaptation to a foreign culture.

3. Interest in Voluntary Language Training has been high. This program has produced a substantial number of persons having elementary competence in fifteen languages, including Finnish and Swahili. Full-time training in Arabic is now being offered in the directed daytime program. Interest in full-time, intermediate training continues strong in the more common languages although interest in intensive training in the less common languages is still distressingly weak.

4. Other activities continue as previously reported, with particular emphasis being placed on further development of the Overseas Effectiveness Program.

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